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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* U.S. Patent App. of Richards

Serial No.: 10/040,412

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For: CLEAR, POLYMERIC GEL  
COMPOSITION AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Art Unit: [not yet assigned]

Examiner: [not yet assigned]

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits the following statement consisting of:

- I. A list of patents (and attached Form PTO-1449).
- II. General Remarks.

A copy of each of the following listed documents is enclosed herewith.

**I. PATENTS**

- 1. U.S. Pat. No. 4,497,663;
- 2. U.S. Pat. No. 4,857,563;
- 3. U.S. Pat. No. 5,780,527;
- 4. U.S. Pat. No. 5,334,691;
- 5. U.S. Pat. No. 4,362,841;
- 6. U.S. Pat. No. 5,663,341;
- 7. U.S. Pat. No. 5,844,047;
- 8. U.S. Pat. No. 5,792,816;

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9. WIPO Pat. No. WO0178792; and
10. FR Pat. No. 2455068.

## **II. GENERAL REMARKS**

It is respectfully requested that the above-listed patents be given consideration by the Examiner and made of record in the subject patent application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits and therefore no fee is required.

Please acknowledge receipt by returning the enclosed postcard. We kindly request that any questions be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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